

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
November 29, 2015



Ghost Stories – Week #6

INTRODUCTION:

1. Pastor Jeff shared some “truths” that we all buy into that are sometimes old wives’ tales with no factual or scientific backing. Share with the group the most odd thing you’ve done because of your belief in a wives’ tale, common truth, or superstition.

DIVE IN:

1. As we’ve worked through the last 5 weeks of the series, Ghost Stories, we’ve covered a lot about the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the key to extraordinary life! He’s a person, not an object. He brings spiritual regeneration through being “born again”. We must actively and regularly seek to be filled with the spirit. He gives gifts according to His desires and will. So, as Pastor Jeff wrapped up the series, it’s important to ask – What do you believe about the Holy Spirit now? How have your views, theology, and experiences changed over the past six weeks as we’ve unpacked these truths about the Holy Spirit?
2. As Pastor Jeff said in his message, “the intensity of your beliefs drives the urgency of your behaviors.” How have you seen this play out in your life in both positive and negative ways?
3. Jeff shared his “beliefometer” with us on Sunday morning. A thermometer that measures our beliefs and how intensely our actions reflect our beliefs. If you were to map out your beliefs, do your actions line up with the things that you say are important? Where does your time, energy, resources, conversations, etc... go and do they reflect your stated belief values?
4. With hopefully renewed and strengthened beliefs on the Holy Spirit, how do you bring urgency to your beliefs in a way that you act on them?
5. All of us have gifts that vary in usage and strength as we discussed last week. One of them is the gift of evangelism. While some of us are supernaturally gifted in this area, all of us are called to share in the spreading of the gospel. We get to partner with the Holy Spirit, who draws and convicts, to share the message of Jesus with the world around us. This means we should be actively praying for opportunities to share our faith and invite people to church where they can hear the message of the cross with clarity. Take some time as you wrap up your groups to discuss the 8to15 principle. Who has God supernaturally placed in their lives to reach for Jesus? What are they doing to partner with the Holy Spirit to draw those people to Jesus? Pray with your group for their 8to15 – by name as possible – that this Christmas season would be an awesome opportunity to share Jesus because our beliefs bring urgency to our actions.

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NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?